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## **International Security Harmonisation**

# **Breakthroughs in Standardisation of IT Security Criteria**

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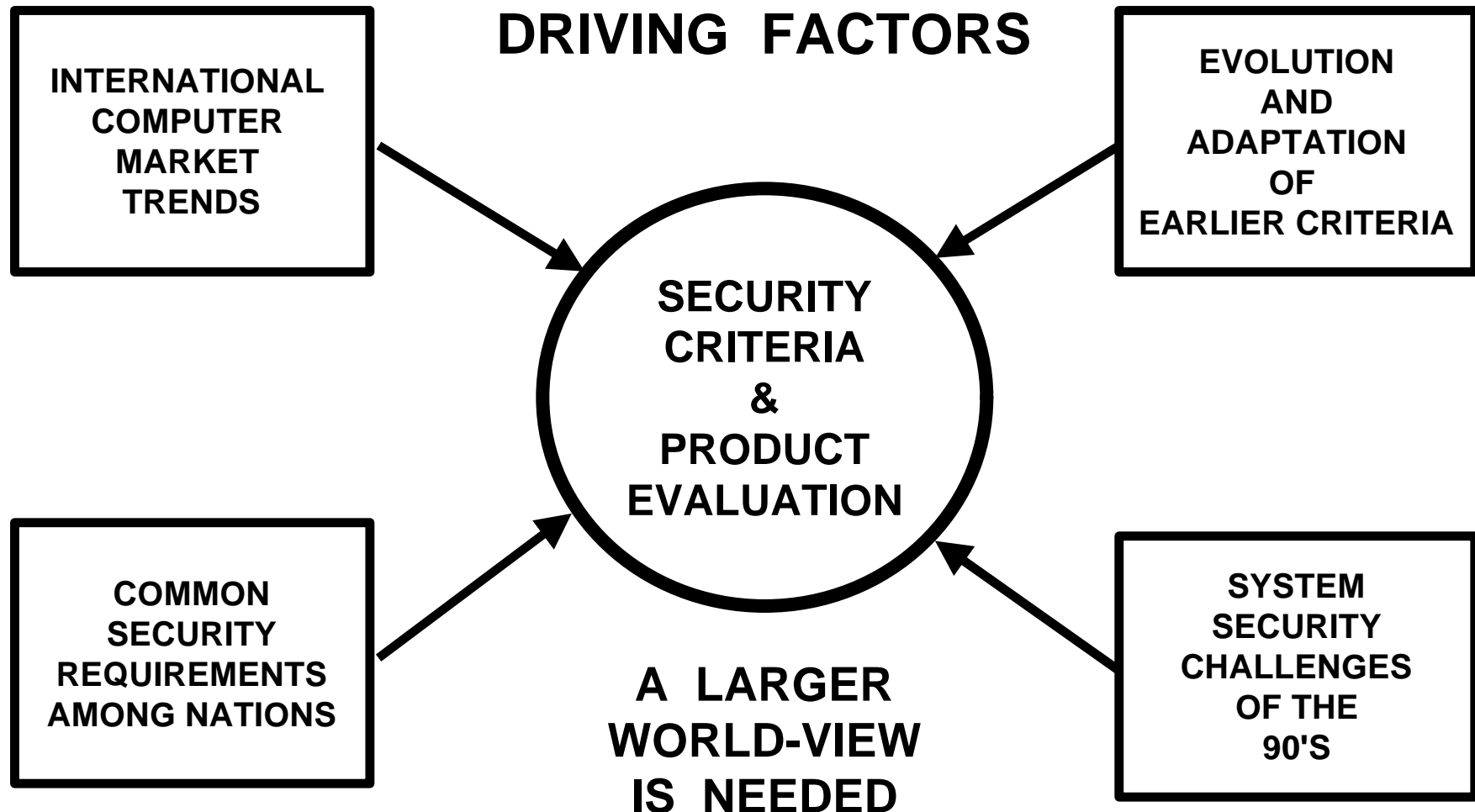
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# The Common Criteria -- WHY DO IT?

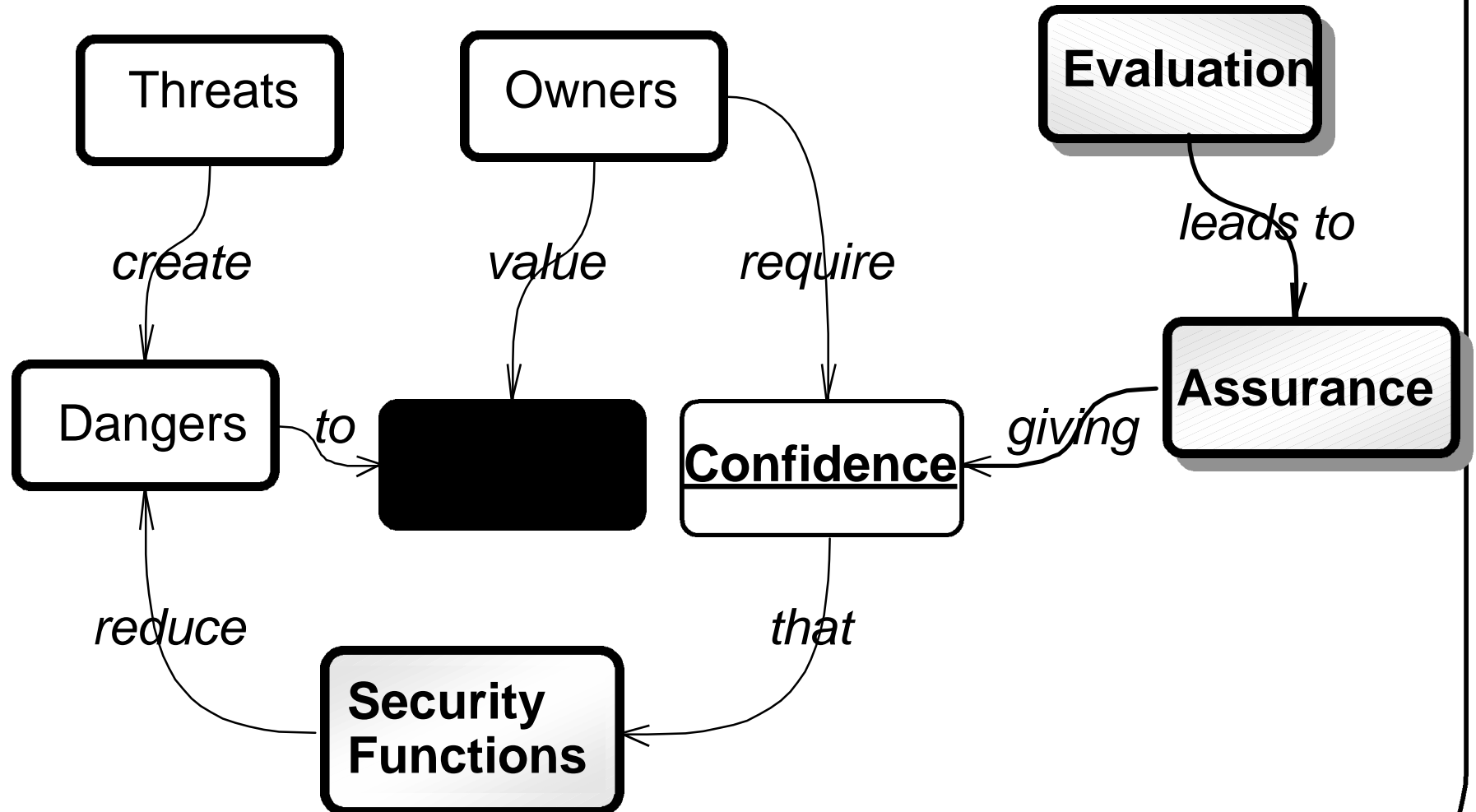


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# Security Concepts and Relationships



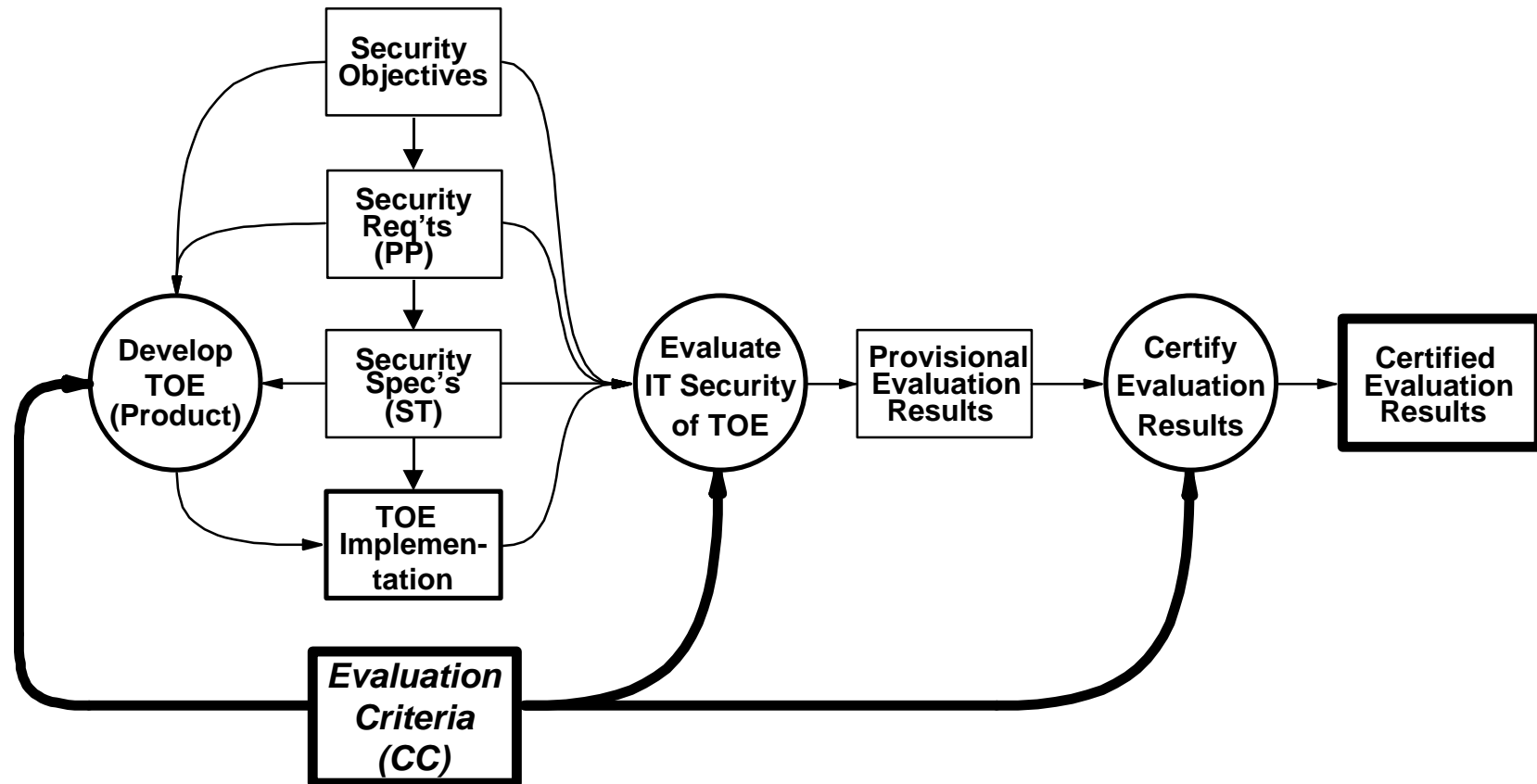
# Twofold Purpose of IT Security Criteria

## ***Well-Understood - Common & Solid Technical Basis for -->***

- **Describing Product IT Security Requirements:**
  - The Protection Profile (general), and Security Target (specific) (Part 1)
  - The Catalogue of Functional Requirement Components (Part 2)
- **Deciding to Trust Security Functions in Products:**
  - The Seven Evaluation Assurance Levels (EALs), plus...
  - The Catalogue of Assurance Requirement Components (Part 3)

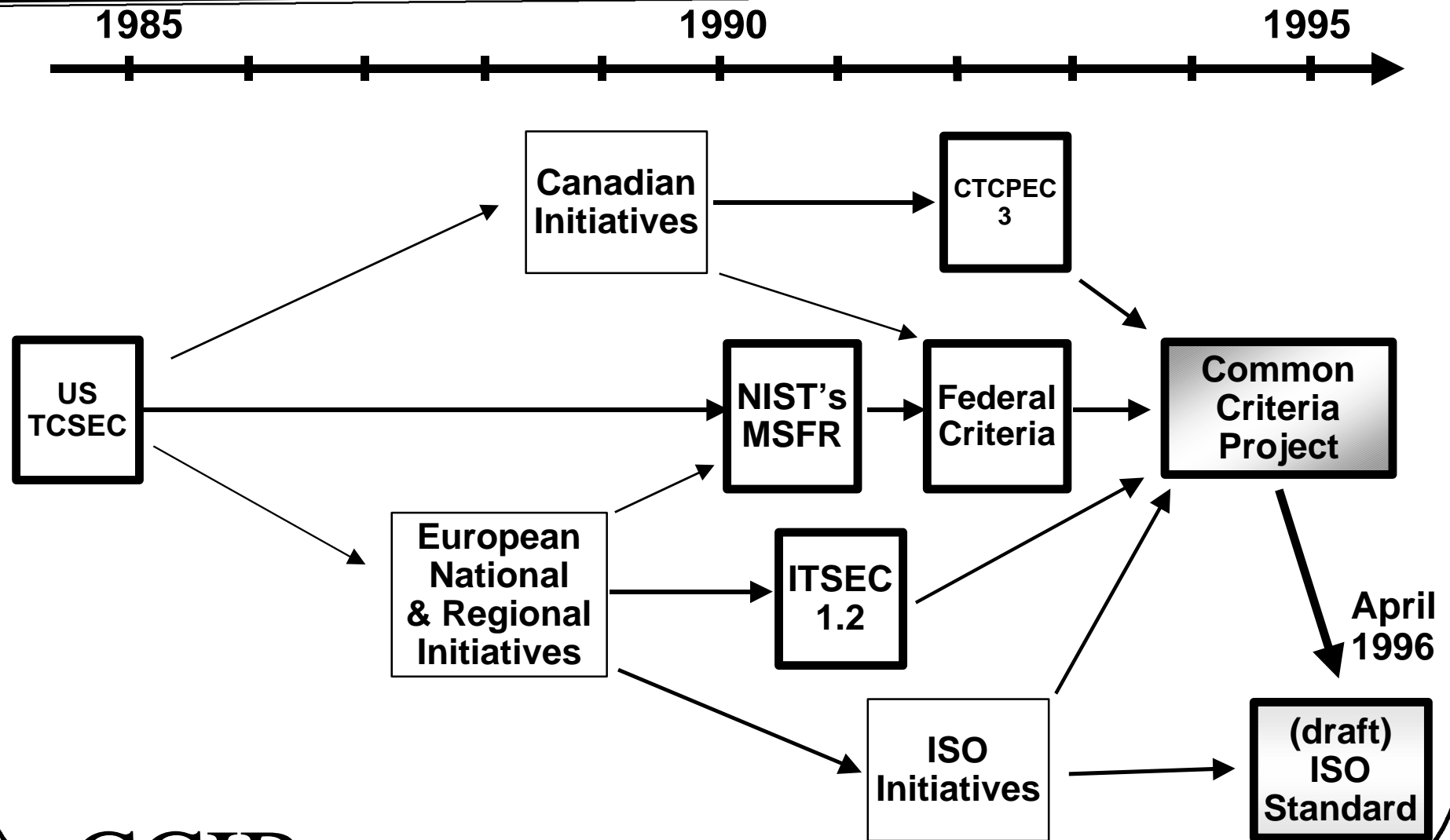
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# Context of IT Security Evaluations



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# A Brief History of IT Security Criteria



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# Common Criteria Project Participants

- **North America:**

- ***Canada***      **Communications Security Establishment**
- ***USA***          **National Institute of Standards & Technology**  
**National Security Agency**

- **Europe:**

- ***France***      **Central Service for Info. Systems Security**
- ***Germany***   **German Information Security Agency**
- ***Netherlands*** -- **National Communications Security Agency**
- ***UK***          **Communications-Electronics Security Group**

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# Overview of Common Criteria v1.0 Structure

## **Part 1**

### Introduction & Model

- Introduction to Approach
- Terms & Model
- Requirements for Protection Profiles & Security Targets

## **Part 2**

### Security Functional Requirements

- Functional Classes
- Functional Families
- Functional Components
- Detailed Req'ts

## **Part 3**

### Security Assurance Requirements

- Assurance Classes
- Assurance Families
- Assurance Components
- Detailed Req'ts
- Eval. Assur. Levels

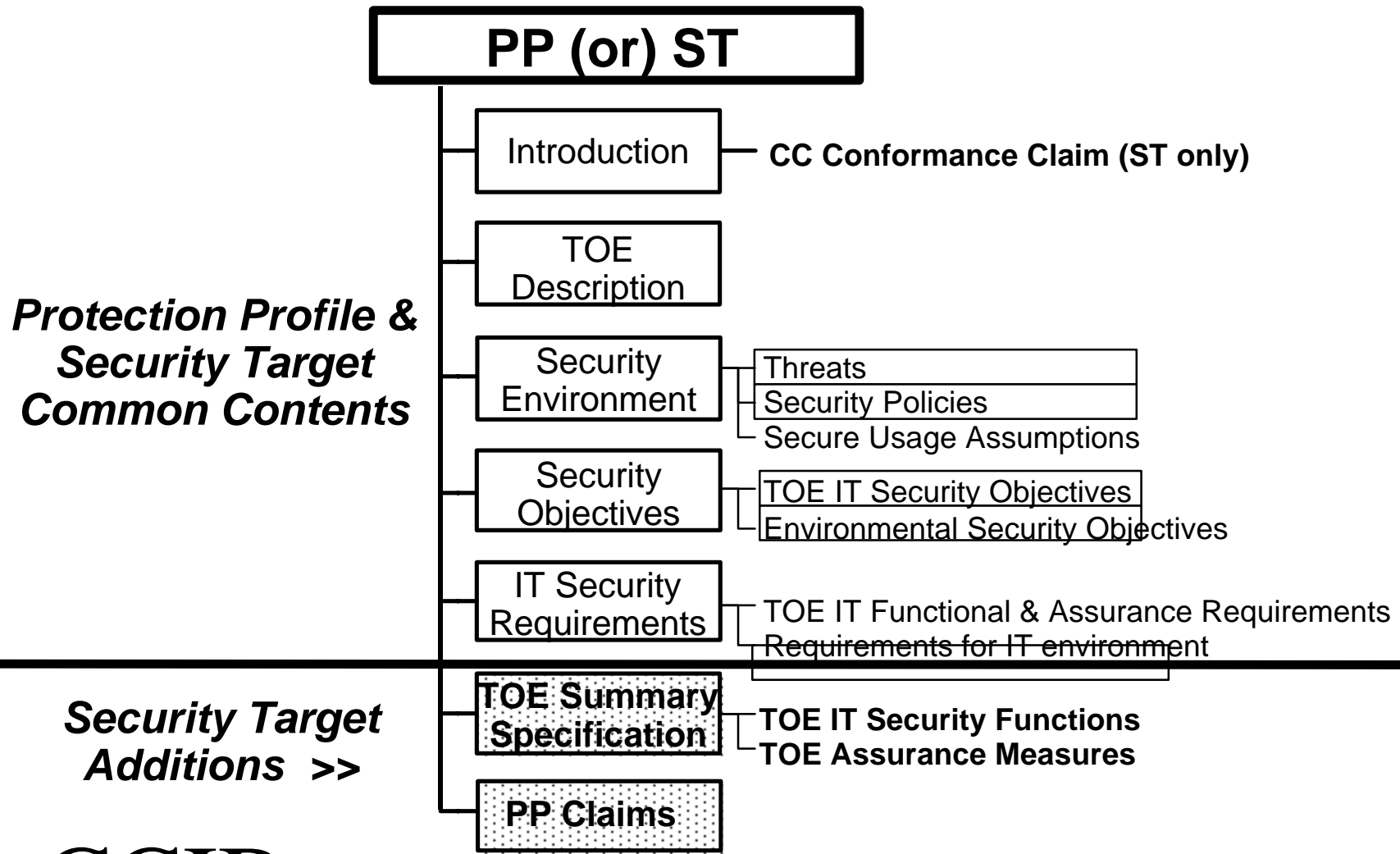
## **Part 4**

### Registry of Protection Profiles



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# The Protection Profile & Security Target



## Part 2 -- Functional Security Requirements -- Classes

**FAU -- Security Audit (35)**

**FCO -- Communication (Non-Repudiation) (4)**

**FCS -- Cryptographic Support (*in version 2*) (40)**

**FDP -- User Data Protection (46)**

**FIA -- Identification & Authentication (27)**

**FPR -- Privacy (Anonymity, etc.) (8)**

**FPT -- Protection of Trusted Security Functions (43)**

**FRU -- Resource Utilisation (8)**

**FTA -- TOE Access (11)**

**FTP -- Trusted Path (2)**

**NOTE:**  
Numbers in parentheses  
indicate the discrete  
callable components in each  
class - 224 in all.

# The CC and Crypto

## (Draft “Technical Report”)

### “Crypto Caveat”

Criteria for assessment of mathematical properties of cryptographic algorithms and related techniques is not covered in the CC. (Part 1)

### (Draft) Functional Class FCS: Cryptographic Support

- Module Interface
- Roles and Services
- Physical Protection
- Secure Key:   Generation, Distribution, Entry  
                                Storage, Usage, Backup  
                                Output, Escrow, Archival, Destruction
- Secure Cryptographic Function
- Self Integrity Tests

### (Draft) Assurance Class ADV: Development

- Cryptographic Module Scope and Boundary
- Cryptographic Module Design

#### NOTE:

Crypto support req'ts  
in draft come from US  
FIPS 140-1 & Canadian  
Crypto Annex.

## **Part 3 -- Assurance**

### **Requirements - *Classes***

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**ACM - Configuration Management**

**ADV - Development**

**ATE - Tests**

**AVA - Vulnerability Assessment**

**ADO - Delivery and Operation**

**AGD - Guidance Documents**

**ALC - Life-cycle Support**

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**APE - Protection Profile Evaluation**

**ASE - Security Target Evaluation**

## Part 3 -- CC

### Evaluation Assurance Levels (1)

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#### **Level EAL1** - (new)

The lowest level which should be considered for purposes of evaluation

#### **Level EAL2** - (like C1 - E1)

The best that can be achieved without imposing some additional tasks on a developer

#### **Level EAL3** - (like C2 - E2)

Allows a conscientious developer to benefit from positive security engineering design without alteration of existing reasonably sound development practices

#### **Level EAL4** - (like B1 - E3)

The best that can be achieved without significant alteration of current good development practices.

## Evaluation Assurance Levels (2)

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### **Level EAL5** - (like B2 - E4)

The best achievable via pre-planned, good quality, careful security-aware development without unduly expensive practices.

### **Level EAL6** - (like B3 - E5)

A “high tech” level for (mainly military) use in environments with \*significant\* threats and moderately valued assets.

### **Level EAL7** - (like A1 - E6)

The greatest amount of evaluation assurance attainable whilst remaining in the real world for real products.  
EAL7 is at the limits of the current technology.

## Part 4 -- Registry of Protection Profiles

### Initial Goal:

Present Three “Example PPs” Written per CC Structure:  
Two from Existing Criteria and One “New PP” --

- CC/CS1 (C2) - Controlled Access OS
- CC/CS3 - Role-Based Access OS
- “Firewall” Packet Filtering Router

### Ultimate Goal:

Be a “Living Catalog of PPs” -- the Registry for PPs  
Which Have Completed the Registration Process

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# The Future



# **Trial-Use Period & Follow-On Tasks**

- **Do *Trial Evaluations* of Products**
- **Prepare *Evaluation Methods* Manual**
- **Negotiate *Mutual Recognition* Agreements**
- **Obtain Community Feedback via *Comments***
- **Develop *Version 2*, Based on Experience / Feedback  
& Deliver to ISO SC27 Working Group 3**
- **Create *Implementing Guidance*  
(a la “Rainbow Series”)**
- **Develop Part 5 -- *PP Registration* Procedures  
(with ISO SC27 Working Group 3)**

# SUMMARY

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- **Developing Next Generation Criteria for IT Security**
- **Protecting Fundamental Principles of IT Security and Previous Investments in Technology**
- **Providing a Flexible and Extensible Framework for the Future**
- **Offering a Major Contribution to International Standards & Harmonisation**
- **Expected Result -- 'Level Playing Field' for IT-Security Products World-wide**